

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ROBERT E. BROWN and :
SHIRLEY H. BROWN, :

Plaintiffs

: C.A. No. 04-6 17 SLR

vs.

INTERBAY FUNDING, LLC, and :
LEGRECA & QUINN REAL :
ESTATE SERVICES, INC., :

Defendant

Deposition of ROBERT E. BROWN taken pursuant
to notice at the law offices of Reger & Rizzo, 1001
N. Jefferson Street, Suite 202, Wilmington, Delaware,
beginning at 2:20 p.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2005,
before Allen S. Blank, Registered Merit Reporter and
Notary Public.

APPEARANCES:

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For - Defendant Legreca & Quinn Real
Estate Services

ALSO PRESENT:

SHIRLEY H. BROWN

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1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q Have you had an appraisal expert of real
3 estate, commercial real estate appraisal expert, review
4 Legreca & Quinn's appraisal?

5 A No.

6 Q Have you obtained an independent appraisal
7 of the subject property conducted by a certified
8 commercial real estate appraiser?

9 A Prior to applying to Interbay, there was an
10 appraisal done by the broker, which we paid for. So I
11 guess that answer would be yes.

12 Q Was that the one that was taken by -- that
13 was done by Steven Ulrich?

14 MRS. BROWN: Yes. Both.

15 THE WITNESS: Northern Bay. Something like
16 that.

17 MS. ANTOSFF: We have a problem. I
18 understand that you can help with his answers. But it
19 is his deposition and it has to be -- the answers with
20 him. You're really not allowed to speak during his
21 deposition. If you want, when he is done, if you feel
22 that there was something that you wanted to add to it,
23 you know, we can give you that at that time.

24 MRS. BROWN: No, I don't have any problem



1 Q Okay.

2 A But if I don't remember the name, I mean, my
3 wife was just merely stating something, you know.

4 But, anyway, we'll proceed. We will conform
5 to what you're saying.

6 Q Okay.

7 Do you have any documents or other evidence
8 that support your contention that Legreca & Quinn's
9 methods of appraising the subject property were
10 erroneous?

11 A The only ones that I have submitted is the
12 production of documents and affidavits that I filed
13 with my motions and the complaint.

14 Q Okay. So everything that you have has been
15 submitted?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Do you have any expert report, a report that
18 was prepared by a real estate appraisal expert, which
19 indicates that the subject property should not be
20 appraised as a building located on 1,875 square feet,
21 which is situated on total land property of 6.970
22 square feet?

23 A Excuse me. You said do I have an expert --

24 Q Report.



1 A Report saying that?

2 Q That says that that's not the way the
3 property should be appraised?

4 A Yes. And my question. Let me elaborate on
5 that. Is that under the Uniform Code Of Appraisals of
6 the Appraisal Institute, their guidelines state that
7 appraisals are done by three standard methods. Okay.
8 It's income, market value and comparables as a standard
9 method of appraisal. A complete appraisal means when
10 dealing in real estate, according to the FHA and the
11 ECOA guidelines, CFR guidelines state, I think it is
12 204.13, something like that, of the CFR, states that
13 any properties or homes or buildings being used for
14 collateral must go through those particular standards
15 of evaluation.

16 Q My question was, do you have a report
17 prepared by an expert?

18 A No, I don't. Not at this time.

19 Q Have you consulted any real estate appraisal
20 expert to give your opinion regarding a complete
21 appraisal?

22 A Not at this time.

23 Q Do you have a report prepared by a real
24 estate appraisal expert which indicates the subject



1 property shouldn't be appraised by the sales comparison
2 approach?

3 A No, I do not.

4 Q Do you have a report prepared by an
5 appraisal that indicates that the subject property
6 should not be appraised by the income capitalization
7 approach?

8 A Do I have -- ask the question again.

9 Q Okay. Do you have any report prepared by a
10 real estate appraisal expert which would indicate that
11 the subject property should not be appraised by the
12 income capitalization approach?

13 A No, I do not.

14 Q It is my understanding from your earlier
15 question that you do not have an expert real estate
16 appraiser who has prepared a report for you at all, is
17 that correct?

18 A I told you before that the broker who we
19 first applied through had it appraised. Now, this term
20 expert, I don't quite understand what you mean by
21 expert. I mean we had licensed appraisers to evaluate
22 the property, yes, prior to Legreca & Quinn.

23 Q Did you have more than one licensed
24 appraiser to that property?



1 know, this is all in code and it is right in the letter
2 of engagement.

3 And then it goes on to say that no one is
4 supposed to see this letter or know anything about this
5 information that we are talking about.

6 And so I'm saying, this is a letter here.
7 In fact, it states that. And I can read it verbatim,
8 if you want.

9 BY MS. ANTOFF:

10 Q That's okay. It is already in the record.

11 Do you have any evidence that Legreca &
12 Quinn has appraised properties that are similar to the
13 subject property but have used different methods?

14 A You mean other properties?

15 Q Um-hmm, other properties.

16 A For other people?

17 Q For other people.

18 A No, that is not my concern or -- yeah. But,
19 again, I can say they did on me. They did on me.

20 Q My understanding from your answers to the
21 interrogatories is that you intended to join the
22 building at 2625 Market Street, of the subject
23 property, with the building next-door at 2627 Market
24 Street to create an eat-in restaurant; is that correct



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1 successful business.

2 Q Do you have any documents or --

3 A Any what?

4 Q Any documents or other kind of evidence that
5 support your contention that Interbay engaged in
6 fraudulent misrepresentations?

7 A The ones that I have submitted to you that
8 are a part of the Rule 7 of the Appraisal Institutes,
9 which are part of the record, those documents are
10 there. The letter of engagement that we relied on.
11 Their letter of acceptance of the engagement letter are
12 the ones that we rely upon and the appraisal itself.
13 The exhibit page -- I forget the page of the
14 original -- I think it's page 18 of the original
15 appraisal where they had to graft on there where they
16 were supposed to have made some allowances for the 2617
17 and 2619, referring to them as utilities, was a stark
18 violation of the Rule 7 article or rules of the
19 Appraisal Institute.

20 Q Okay. Have you consulted any licensed
21 appraisal expert that informed you of violations?

22 A Have I consulted? No. But I have called
23 and talked to the Appraisal Institute and I wanted
24 to -- we were considering subpoenaing them. I



1 subpoenaed the Federal -- the Federal Trade Commission
2 and the -- I subpoenaed a whole lot of people.

3 But, anyway, people who are in the industry
4 who know that these are blatant violations that they
5 have used in this here bogus appraisal of properties
6 containing of 6,985 square feet, to tell me that you're
7 going to appraise -- I paid \$2,500 and you're only
8 going to appraise 975 square feet and tell me the other
9 two properties are utilities, I mean that's like, you
10 know, a man buying a farm with a house on it and you
11 have appraised the house and then you call the land a
12 utility and charge -- how much are you going to charge
13 for the house? Why would you do that? That really --

14 See, Stacy Buckwalter, he never dreamed that
15 this would be here. We will be doing this for the next
16 20 years for what he did to me, took my money and then
17 Legreca & Quinn.

18 And you ought to heard the way they talked
19 to me. Oh, it was an insult. It was like he slapped
20 me in my face. I have been doing this since 1972.

21 Q Okay. But the question that I'm not sure
22 that I understood your answer to was, have you
23 consulted with any licensed appraiser who has told you
24 that --



1 A I don't need them to tell me. What I'm
2 saying is, I am experienced in purchasing and selling
3 of real estate. I have been in real estate longer than
4 most realtors.

5 Q I understand that, that you're an
6 experienced business person.

7 A I'm saying, I don't need -- and then I got
8 this term expert. I have a problem with that. I don't
9 know anyone in the field that is any smarter than I am.
10 Really. I mean seriously.

11 Q So your answer is, no, that you haven't
12 consulted a licensed appraiser?

13 A I have not found a need to have to rely on
14 anyone other than my own experiences and knowledge at
15 this time. I repeat, at this time.

16 MS. ANTOFF: Mr. Brown, those are the only
17 questions that I have for you. I appreciate your time.
18 Thank you.

19 THE WITNESS: I appreciate being here. And
20 I think we went and got it over with. Yeah. Is that
21 it? Do we conclude?

22 MS. ANTOFF: Yes. Don't turn it off.

23 You have a right -- if you have been deposed
24 before, you probably know this. But you have a right



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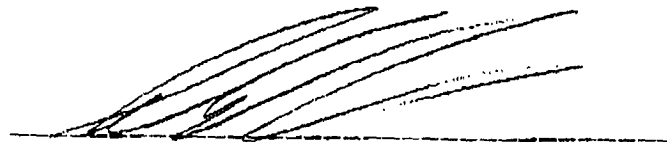
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4 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

5 I, Allen S. Blank, Registered Merit
6 Reporter, do hereby certify that there came before me
7 on the 17th day of March, 2005, the deponent herein,
8 ROBERT E. BROWN, who was duly sworn by me and
9 thereafter examined by counsel for the respective
10 parties; that the questions asked of said deponent and
11 the answers given were taken down by me in Stenotype
12 notes and thereafter transcribed by use of
13 computer-aided transcription and computer printer under
14 my direction.

15 I further certify that the foregoing is a
16 true and correct transcript of the testimony given at
17 said examination of said witness.

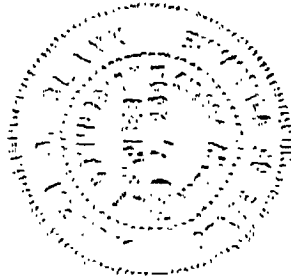
18 I further certify that I am not counsel,
19 attorney, or relative of either party, or otherwise
20 interested in the event of this suit.

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